

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mary Mills for her
outstanding contributions to Williamson County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should
pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their
time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, a concerned person whose willingness to help those in need knows no
bounds, Mary Mills is highly regarded as a professional and friend in Williamson County and is
as dependable and honest as the day is long; and

WHEREAS, throughout her excellent service to the community, Mrs. Mills has adhered
to the common sense approach and has displayed the common touch in all endeavors, working
well with old and young alike; and

WHEREAS, a native of Williamson County, Mary Mills was raised in the community of
Franklin; and

WHEREAS, educated in the Franklin public schools, Mary Mills received her bachelor's
degree from Tennessee State University and received her master's degree in science from
Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, for over forty years, Mrs. Mills devoted her life to education, teaching school
in the Franklin Special School District as a 5th and 6th grade teacher; she later became
assistant principal of Franklin Jr. High School and retired as Principal of the Franklin Middle
School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mills has been a dedicated member of the Williamson County
Commission since 1993, and during her exemplary tenure there she has proven to be a
valuable asset to the community; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Mills currently serves as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, as a member of the Education Committee and the Special Recreation Committee, and as Chairperson of the Public Health Committee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her outstanding service on the Williamson County Commission, Mrs. Mills has borne the mantle of civic responsibility as Chairperson of the African-American Heritage Society, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Community Child Care Center, member of the 4H Advisory Board, Vice Chairperson of the Williamson County Health Council, Board of Directors of the Franklin/Williamson County AARP and the Honorary Chair of the March of Dimes of Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mills has served on numerous boards and committees, including the Board of Trustees of the Williamson County Medical Center, President of the Church Women of Franklin/Williamson County and past member of the Board of Directors of the Williamson County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mrs. Mills is a member of the Shorter Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where she serves as a Sunday school teacher, secretary and Bible instructor of the Missionary Society, member of the senior choir, member of the Board of Stewards and Secretary of the church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mills' outstanding community service has earned her numerous awards and honors, even a brief list of which is inspiring; she is a life member of the NAACP, and the national sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, a recipient of numerous awards, including the Whitney Young Service Award, Outstanding Chamber of Commerce Member, Outstanding Black Educator, the Henry L. Hardison Humanitarian Award and the Soror of the Year of the Southeastern Region; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mills is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband Latham L. Mills, Sr.; their two children, Reverend Latham Mills, Jr. and Mrs. Joycelin Mills Blackmun; and five delightful grandchildren, Natonya Blackmun, Christopher Mills, Courtney Blackmun, Alexandria Mills and Nathaniel Blackmun, Jr; and

WHEREAS, Mary Mills is the perfect example of a person totally committed to family and the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mary Mills for her meritorious service and salute her commitment to equality for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.